

**Minutes: RAVEN team meeting  
March 27, 2019**

RAVEN office MDH 354 + zoom

Present: Susan O'Donnell, Amy Savile, Casey Burkholder, Chris George, Rick Wightman, Tracy Glynn, Matt Rogers, Sophie Lavoie

Regrets not able to be recorded due to technology.

**1. Territorial acknowledgement**

Watched David Perley video: <http://nbmediacoop.org/2019/03/20/wolastoq-a-healthy-river-is-necessary-for-survival/>

Made by Shanthi. Shanthi presented it at the UNB Arts Matters conference last weekend.

There's an accompanying story to that: <http://nbmediacoop.org/2019/03/20/wolastoq-new-brunswick-and-canadas-teaching-waterway/>

**2. Announcements (details on the NB Media Co-op calendar)**

\*March 22 - May 3: UNB Art Gallery - Cascade

\*March 28, 4pm at George Martin Hall, Room 207, St. Thomas University: Christy Rust with Save Officer's Square on the grassroots movement to save old trees and heritage in downtown Fredericton (Tracy's class)

\*March 30, 3pm: RAVEN Workshop in Knowlesville (potluck at 5pm). Tracy, Sabine, Matt and Susan are going.

\*March 30, 1pm: Glyphosate, Forestry, and Our Future: Plaster Rock Public Meeting. Rowan is one of the organizers.

\*April 1, 11am at the Fredericton Public Library: Indigenous Child Welfare Social Action Fair.

\*April 4, 11am-4pm: MWC Pow-wow. Buffy Ste Marie also performing the previous night.

\*April 11, 4pm: David Hofmann on rural right-wing extremism in NB and NS

\*April 12, 7pm: What's Up Doc shorts (Matt)

\* Wabanaki land-based course offerings in July. Sophie will send more information.

### **3. RAVEN and Belledune**

\*meeting April 5 with Productions Aulnes in Pointe-Verte (near Belledune)

Productions Aulnes has a studio for photography and video and keen to do something on Belledune. Tracy is interested in Belledune, a place that has heavy industrial activity.

\*collaborating with ECHO project at U de Moncton

Susan communicated with Céline Surette. ECHO has done work on cumulative impacts research on resource extraction in the area of Belledune. Keen to work with RAVEN – maybe a video production, NB Media Co-op stories, etc.

Susan will be in the area that weekend (April 5) and will meet with Productions Aulnes. Who is interested? Communicate with Susan if you want to be part of a zoom call. Matt is interested in including Belledune in his domino video project.

Susan will report back to folks UdeM and see if we can do something with the research that they've already done.

\*NBEN Art & Sustainability group

Productions Aulnes and Marie Maltais/UNB Art Centre is part of the group. Susan is chairing the group. She is also a member of different NBEN caucuses. A good way to learn about how to get messages out in different ways/have different conversations.

### **4. RAVEN work: recent and underway now**

\*Shanthi videos with rural champions (NB Media Co-op)

Working on a video with David Perley in time for his retirement.

\*Shanthi, Susan: cellphone music video contest

Deadline was yesterday for applying. Deadline for submitting the videos is Tuesday. Only 3 videos submitted. Purposely didn't promote it heavily at UNB so not a UNB activity. Music video – an intimidating piece for musicians. May want to try it again next year. The videos all short. Susan will organize an adjudicating committee.

\*Chris: video work with Matt

Chris is hoping to do a video as part of his comps. Could include Belledune, rural champions, what was learned at the Sussex workshop. Would like to introduce some of the community champions - indigenous and non-indigenous – to include a knowledge exchange.

Chris and Matt are working on rights/legal stuff/budget, funding applications for the documentary.

\*Tracy, Matt, Casey: digital storytelling workshop March 16 in Sussex, March 30 in Knowlesville

Tracy, Matt, Casey, Chris and Daniel went to Sussex and held a workshop with rural champions (didn't like the term activists). An interesting tension – some of the younger activists had ideas of how stories should be disseminated and what older folks think. Could do a couple of different things that the group. Recorded audio- have data from that – on their stories and how their stories are best told. Already have qualitative data to look at.

Laura from SAFE has been in touch, asking for coverage of the fracking lecture series. Tracy will follow up with the group after their series. They are interested in doing a “Faces of Fracking” project.

Matt has a contact in Sussex that could do recordings.

\*Mary, Tracy, Susan, Tom Beckley: manuscript submitted to Journal of Rural and Community Development

Submitted the manuscript to *Rural Sociology* and was not sent out for peer review - the editor decided it was not suitable because not theoretical enough. Mary has submitted a slightly revised manuscript to *Journal of Rural and Community Development* about 2 weeks ago. It is an open access journal so probably better for the project, given that SSHRC encourages open access publications from its funded projects.

\*Mary, Amy, Tracy, Susan, abstracts accepted at the CSA 2019, Mary also CCA. Mary also has an abstract in to the Qualitative Conference here.

\*Amy, Tracy and Susan: abstract for WPCC accepted, manuscript in preparation. Amy has asked for an extension (was due March 25) and has yet to hear back. Amy is working on the independent media analysis of forestry issues.

Identified what Brunswick News is saying about rural issues. Alternative discourse includes respect for nature, appreciate land – in contrast to corporate view.

\*Susan, Kim: survey with CSRNO launched 2 weeks ago in the northwest region – of municipal workers and community groups.

\*Kim: abstract for ESAC 2019 Congress location in Newfoundland accepted. Susan will check ESAC out at the Congress Vancouver location and see about joining ESAC virtually next year.

\*Rowan is working on a position paper, A just transition to a green economy for rural NB. The advisors for the paper are meeting tomorrow to discuss 2 versions of a draft paper.

\*CIRA application – waiting for a decision, will know the results in May.

\* Matt is moving ahead with finishing his feature film, Entropic – based on Rob Gray's collection of short stories.

\* Amy was at the Atlantic Immigration Summit. Amy plugged RAVEN there. Amy is in Ottawa now for a PSAC academic meeting and she is also bringing up the idea for more digital town halls to cut down travel.

\* Casey reviewing chapters of her book.

\* Sophie has written a number of articles for the NB Media Co-op on events including on Black history and activism. Susan has also written one on the topic. Not sure how learning about Black and slave history could fit into the RAVEN project but should think about it. Chris: after NB became a province, the timber, fish, etc. from here sent to the slave plantations. Researching Sir Howard Douglass, after his tenure as L-G, wrote a book about mining opportunities in NB and toured it overseas during his retirement years.

## **5. RAVEN Earth week events (April 23-27)**

\*Public discussion and book launch: Rail transport and safety for jobs, communities and the environment / book launch about Lac Mégantic disaster with author Bruce Campbell. Confirmed for Edmundston, Fredericton and Saint John, plus webinar. Partners: NB Media Co-op, Mayworks Festival, Council of Canadians Fredericton and Saint John, Saint John Free Public Library

\* Will have in-person research / term work presentations with Mary, Rowan, Amy, Kim, Shanthi, others? during two afternoons in late April. Can be a dry run for conference presentations. Not opening it up to the public so less pressure to have everything ready on time.

\*cell phone music videos online launch of winning videos

\*March for Tomorrow's Jobs in Saint John April 27? Organizers not sure if it is going ahead. Will make a decision on Tuesday.

\*next steps?

## **6. Summer term students**

\*Susan asked for information from co-investigators re hiring.

## **7. Upcoming conferences**

\*Mary: Qualitatives 2019, May 9-11 Fredericton

Congress:

\*Mary: CCA 2019 and CSA 2019

\*Amy and Tracy, CSA 2019

\*Susan, CSA 2019

\*Kim, ESAC 2019, Corner Brook, NL

## **8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 16, 1pm**

## **9. Adjournment**